

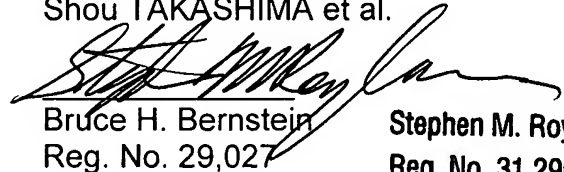
**REMARKS**

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application to delete multiple dependency.

The amendments to the claims in this amendment is being made to remove multiple dependent claims, and to conform to idiomatic English and standard Patent and Trademark practice. Applicants also have amended the claims to more clearly describe the subject matter related therein. No new matter is added.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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